



# Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System

- **Flood Control and Environmental Protection:**
  - 338,000 acres of Flowage, Developmental Control, and Environmental Protection Easements
  - 50,000 acres – in fee for Public Access.
- **Project Cost:** \$232.0M
- **FY 2006 Budget:** \$2.3 M
- **FY 2006 Funds Required:** \$9.6 M
- **Project Issues:** Reduced level of funding will delay construction progress and acquisition of associated benefits.



## Project Fact Sheet

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### Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana

**PROJECT AUTHORITY:** Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1985 (PL 99-88); Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, PL 99-662. Funding to initiate acquisition of the real estate features was made available by the Energy and Water Resources Development Appropriations Act of 1988, PL 100-202.

**PROJECT SPONSORS:** The project sponsor is the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** South-central Louisiana, extends south from U.S. Highway 190 to vicinity of Morgan City/Berwick, comprising the area between the East and West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levees.

**PROJECT PURPOSE/FEATURES:** **Flood Control and Environmental Protection:** Acquire 338,000 acres Flowage, Developmental Control, and Environmental Protection Easements. **Public Access: Acquire** 50,000 acres land in fee (less mineral rights). This is the largest land acquisition project within the Corps of Engineers. **Water Management Units (WMUs):** Restore historical overflow patterns to benefit fish and wildlife. **Recreation Features:** complement public access. Recreation features consist of several boat launching ramps, campgrounds, and a visitors center.

<b>PROJECT COSTS:</b>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>NON-FEDERAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$202,000,000	\$30,134,000	\$232,134,000
Land Acquisition	\$119,886,000	\$0	\$119,886,000
Recreation	\$20,095,000	\$19,000,000	\$39,095,000
Management Units	\$62,019,000	\$11,134,000	\$73,153,000

**PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE:** FY 2005 funds (\$8,029,000) are being used to continue land acquisition efforts, construction of Simmesport Boat Landing, supplemental environmental impact statements, negotiation of cost share agreements, planning and design on recreation features and WMUs and to initiate construction of the Buffalo Cove WMU and Myette Pointe Boat Landing. The reduced level of FY 2006 funds (\$2,324,000) will be used to maintain a minimal level of activity to continue land acquisition efforts, planning and design on WMUs, and construction of the Buffalo Cove WMU. \$9.6 million could be used in FY 2006 to advance land easement acquisition, supplemental environmental impact statements, engineering and design on WMUs and recreation features, and construction of Buffalo Cove WMU; and to complete Myette Pointe Boat Landing.

**PROJECT ISSUES:** The level of funding in the FY 2006 President's Budget has been reduced to a third of the prior budgets that have varied between \$7.1 M and \$7.7 M for the prior 5 years, to provide additional funds for constructing high return projects first. The reduced funding will retard the progress and benefit acquisition of all project features that can only be sustained at a minimal level of effort.